

First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



Our Mission Statement - "We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God's people."

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023 @ 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Prepare the Way, O Zion*” BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Tyler Arcari
~ Offered by *Sara Marino, Vince Mottern, & Keith Presty* ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Isaiah 40

Leader: *God of the universe, you are present. May our hearts perceive you.*

People: **When our hearts are blocked, may our longings lead us to you.**

Leader: *Prepare us, God, for your coming to renew us and all the earth.*

People: **Give us courage to open ourselves to you, so that we too can become instruments of your healing grace in our world.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing.

All: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** Isaiah 35:1

***HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** (vrs. 1 & 4) VENI EMMANUEL

Christmas Cantata

“*Song Of Emmanuel, A Cantata for Christmas*” (See insert) Lloyd Larson

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Ukrainian Bell Carol*" Mykola D. Leontovych, arr. Tyler
Arcari

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*THE DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.

Go in God's Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

"*The Lord's Prayer*" Spoken

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" TRURO

**Please stand if you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal).

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Sunday Service
9:45am
Andrew Kirkpatrick : Preacher

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Andreea Fegan: Director of Music
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